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BASKETBALL ABOLISHED

A committee, appointed by the faculty, consisting of Dr. F. H. Wood, Dr. A. P. Saunders, and Prof. C. L. Lewis, reported in March last the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the faculty on April 22nd.

1. That the so-called "Sophomore Hop" and "Freshman Frolic" be discontinued.

2. That Intercollegiate Basketball and Tennis be discontinued.

3. That no excuse be given for athletics of any kind during winter term.

4. That no student be allowed to participate in more than one major branch of college activity at a time. Such major branches are: (a) Managership during the term in which each branch is active; (b) Editor-in-Chiefship during office; (c) Membership in Football Team (Fall term); (d) Membership in Baseball Team (Spring term); (e) Membership in Musical Clubs, except that a manager or an editor may be a member of one Musical Club only.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be posted at once, and that they take effect Sept. 22nd, 1909.

1904 TAKES THE LEAD

At the supper-reunion of the Class of 1904, held recently in New York City, it was decided that at their fifth annual home-coming, this Commencement, they would adopt a festival garb consisting of a long robe and huge sailor hat. The left half of the toga is to be of brilliant red, while the right half will complete the class colors with an inconspicuous black. The same contrast will be effected in the color scheme of the hat. Ferguson, Secretary of the class, was instructed to communicate with the classes of 1906 and 1908, with a view to persuading them to adopt similar tactics.

U. F. A. AND ROCHESTER GAMES

This afternoon at 2.30 the Varsity will play U. F. A. in the first game of the season. As is customary, this game will serve to try out a number of men, and should show the abilities of the individual men. Nearly two teams will be used, and thus an opportunity will be given to a number of men. U. F. A. will probably put up a good article of baseball, and it goes without saying that the College will be present.

The U. F. A. line-up is as follows: C., Haight, (Snyder); p., Benton, (Ogden); 1st b., Sloan; 2nd b., Herman, (Pugh); 3rd b., Lux, (Moore); s. s., Weisse; l.f., Peterson; c.f., Wratten; r.f., McGuiness, (Inman).

The Hamilton team will be substantially as follows: s. s., Capt. Judson; 2nd b., Hallock; c.f., Sarles; p. and 1st b., Allen; 1st b., Titus; l.f., Hatfield; r.f., Root; 3rd b., Getman; c., Mitchell; p., Drummond, Donaldson, Bagg.

On Monday, the strong Rochester team will play the Varsity on the Campus. The line-up of the Varsity will depend much upon the showing which the men make today. That the team will play hard and play to win goes without saying. The College ought to do their best to help them.

SENIOR MEETING.

Last Saturday morning the Seniors held a class meeting, at which it was voted to hold a Senior Ball. Each member of the class is to purchase a ticket. It was also decided to hold a Class Banquet on the evening of the day of the last Senior exam., Tuesday, June 8th

The appointees for Class and Campus Day, as nominated by the Executive Committee, were accepted. They follow:

CAMPUS DAY

President ..... Spencer
Orator ..... McLean
Poet ..... Truax
Ivy Orator ..... Williams
Junior Response ..... Baldwin
Sophomore Response ... Getman
Freshman Response . Drummond

CLASS DAY

President ..... Wallace
Poet ..... Baum
Historian ..... Willoughby
Prophet ..... Rudd

The Presentation Committee consists of: Blodgett, (Chairman), Doherty, Leavenworth and Thomas.

COLLEGE SMOKER

On Thursday evening there is to be a Dinner and Smoker in Commons Hall at 6.15 o'clock. The Social Committee of the Y. M. C. A. have the arrangements in charge. No one can deny that the Football smokers of last Fall were a great success, in that the College was brought together in an atmosphere of wholesome fellowship at periodic intervals. Now, why restrict such beneficial gatherings of the student body to Fall Term? The present term, which is the opening of two athletic seasons—Baseball and Track—should be celebrated in some fitting way. To this end the dinner and smoker has been arranged.

Speeches will be made by members of the faculty, as well as by the coaches of the two departments. The latter will give the men in College some idea of the plans for the season, and what the two teams need, which the College can furnish, to make the present athletic season most successful. A small admission will be charged to all except the men on the training table, to cover necessary expenses.

That this is a desirable innovation no one can doubt. It will do the men on the teams a lot of good, by showing that the interest and spirit of the student body is with them.

Every Hamilton man should attend, and do his part to make this Baseball and Track Smoker, which the Y. M. C. A. have undertaken, a great success. *It is Thursday evening.* BE THERE.

AN OPPORTUNITY

An invitation is given to students of Hamilton College, by Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, and other educators, to compete for the prize essays offered by Hart, Schaffner & Marx to encourage the study of business subjects. The competition for 1909 is now under way, and will end the coming June. Subjects for 1910 have just been suggested by the committee, as follows:

1. The effect of labor unions on international trade.
2. The best means of raising the wages of the unskilled.
3. A comparison between the theory and the actual practice of patriotism in the United States.
4. A scheme for an ideal monetary system for the United States.
5. The true relation of the central government to trusts.
6. How much of J. S. Mills' economic system survives?
7. A central bank as a factor in a financial crisis.

The contestants are divided into two classes. Class A includes any American, without restriction. Class B. includes only those who, at the time of competing, are undergraduates of any American college. A first prize of $600 and a second prize of $400 are offered for the best studies presented by Class A; a first prize of $300 and a second prize of $200 are offered for the best studies presented by Class B. Any member of Class B, however, may compete for the prizes of Class A.

Men or women who have not had a college training are eligible to compete under Class C, to which a prize of $500 is offered for the best essay, and for which the following subjects are suggested:

1. The most practicable scheme for beginning a reduction of the tariff.
2. The value of government statistics of wages in the last ten or fifteen years.
3. Opportunities for expanding our trade with South America.
4. The organization of the statistical work of the United States.
5. Publicity and form of trust accounts.

The winning essays will be published in book form at the discretion of the committee, which, in addition to Professor Laughlin, consists of Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University, Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan, Horace Wright, Esq., New York City, and Edwin F. Gay, Harvard University. The papers are to be handed in by June, 1910.

SPLASH! SPLASH!

The customary pluvial ceremonies attendant upon the opening of Spring Term were carried out with great éclat Tuesday morning. It may be safely stated that this "recrimination" possessed that full measure of ginger which is desired by the radiant gentleman who vainly seeks to hide his light under the bushel.

To begin with, it was all the Sophomores' fault. A band of enterprising Freshmen guerillas had been doing business the night before. "Remember last night," was the slogan which inspired to desperate deeds. At 9.45 the cohorts were assembled. The attack was directed against a few innocent Freshmen whose only offence was that they happened to be on the spot. They made a valiant resistance, but soon a few bubbles far out at sea were the only indication that they had ever been.

Then the fiery cross was carried far and near by willing hands, and the clans were soon assembled. The battle waxed hot. Many voluntarily entered the sacred fount in order to cleanse themselves of the stains of battle.

And now a mighty shout went up. For lo, streaming over the plain there ran Freshmen, many Freshmen, zealous to quaff college spirit from the cool depths of the fountain. And some obtained their desire. Though the waters were still troubled, they seemed to have lost their magic power of attraction. Then the two upper classes, acting as a board of managers, declared that no more baths should be taken.

Wet and bedraggled, the underclassmen took up again the burdensome routine of college life. But they had fought valiantly, and both classes had that satisfaction and good-feeling which comes to underclassmen after a hard-fought row.

INTERCLASS MEET

Plans for Interclass Day, Thursday, May 13th, are well under way! The track games will be handicap, and the first four places in each event are to be counted. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first two men in each of the regular thirteen events. Every man who possesses any track ability whatever should not miss this fair chance to "make good." If the number of entries warrant, trials in the dashes and some of the field events will be held Wednesday afternoon, in that way permitting a more elaborate program and more interesting meet. Track novices will have a splendid opportunity to reveal their athletic prowess in the several special events.

A Department Relay, which is open to Football, Baseball, Basketball, Tennis, and Musical Clubs, is scheduled.

An "Unknown" event, to be announced by the Clerk of the Course after the contestants are on their marks, will try the all-around ability of the men who enter.

Prizes will be awarded in every special event. The management hopes to find every undergraduate a contestant, and promises to do its best to make May 13th a HAMILTON Day—in every sense of the word.

1904 REUNION

The New York contingent of the Class of 1904 held an informal dinner at "Reisenweber's," in that city, on April 16th. Definite plans were made for celebrating the fifth reunion of the class at the coming commencement. Secretary W. A. Ferguson made the positive announcement that at least thirty members of the class would be back on the "Hill" in June. The following men attended the dinner: Rev. Paul R. Abbott, R. U Sherman, A. J. Steele, D. J. Carter, F. F. Brandt, William A. Ferguson, Rev. A. R. Evans.

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TODAY THE BASEBALL TEAM opens its season in a practice game with Utica Free Academy. Of the outcome we are reasonably sure. On Monday the Varsity meets Rochester on Steuben Field in its first Intercollegiate game. LIFE wishes the team a most propitious opening for the season of 1909.

THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC in the minds of the College today is the recent action of the faculty in regard to a reduction of College activities. On first thought, perhaps, such an action seems a bit tyrannical to some of the College men. Now, consider this matter impartially. Of course, there cannot but be some men whom this new ruling will affect personally, and this class must necessarily be prejudiced. But the rest of us, who are only affected as units of the College body, can give the matter our unbiased attention.

Now, first as to the abolishment of Intercollegiate Basketball and Tennis. It does seem rather unfortunate to see Basketball go. It is a good game, and well worth watching. But the fact remains that Junior Week, Musical Club practices, the Winter trip and preparation for the Easter trip, Debating, Basketball, preliminary Baseball and Track practice, Relay Team, College Journalism — drawing largely on a limited group of men—was too much for one term. The fact is amply proved by the noticeable slump which the College took last term in scholastic work—and especially the upper classes. It might be said that Basketball is the game which affords us a better opportunity to put out good teams than any other athletic activity. This is certainly true—altho the results of the seasons of the past few years have not brought out this fact. LIFE thinks that perhaps a better choice of activity might have been chosen for abolition—say Track. But then, the fact confronts us that the action of the faculty was not for the purpose of diminishing the number of our athletic teams as such, but to relieve some of the men of an over-load of work during Winter term, and produce a fairly respectable grade of college work. And further, the abolition of this sport will give the athletes of the College—and especially the Football men—one full term in which they may have a little rest from the strenuous pursuits of athletic training.. Something had to go, for the good of everyone. It happened to be Basketball. We are sorry for that. Perhaps an interesting interclass Basketball series might be developed next year—but of that more later.

The plan has been discussed of flooding the Football field during Winter term, in order to furnish a means of exercise and recreation to those who do not enjoy Basketball. There is not a doubt that the College would greatly appreciate such an action, and would benefit greatly by it. But that is also in the future.

Then Tennis.—It is obvious that three intercollegiate athletic activities for a college the size of Hamilton, in one term, is again too much, and, if that is the case, Tennis is plainly the sport to go, rather than Baseball or Track. No one can deny that fact. This change will probably not affect the other branches to any great extent, not occupying the time of many men or being of great enough interest. For that matter, the men in College who play Tennis for the pleasure which they derive from the sport, would have much more opportunity for playing if a team was not continually practicing for intercollegiate matches.

For the past few years it has been difficult to arrange the underclassmen dances, and with few exceptions a deficit was incurred in running them. There being no adequate hall in Clinton for holding a dance, it was necessary to hold them in Utica, and to take college activities away from the Hill is against all precedent and tradition. Why is it not far better to abolish these underclassmen functions as such? If this part of the College desire a dance of their own, it could be given with Junior or Senior week, without overstepping the bounds of the new resolution in any degree.

As to the last resolution, by which a man is restricted to one so-called "major activity" — this will relieve an obviously evil condition, which has long been prevalent on the Hill. During the past years there have always been certain men of ability and willingness who have been overburdened with work, outside of their actual college duties—even to the absolute neglect of their college work. Now, such a condition should not exist, both for the sake of the College and the men themselves. It seems to LIFE that the new resolution will relieve such a strained condition. It is fortunate that the rules governing this last resolution are so carefully drawn up that very few men will be affected, and only those who admit themselves, and whom the College realizes, have too much to do.

Now, it is only natural that such a radical change as this should raise some opposition in College. But why should this be the case? It has long been evident that something was wrong, and after careful consideration the most probable source of trouble was found to be "too many activities." Hence the rectification on the part of the faculty. If it is for the good of the College, LIFE can see only commendation for it. It cannot be possible that such an action is to restrict us, or interfere with our personal liberty. It is the time-worn case of "the greatest good to

the greatest number." And that means the greatest good for Hamilton. LIFE hopes it means more success in the coming years.

A BASEBALL AND TRACK Smoker will be held in Commons Hall, Thursday evening. Every man in College knows what a wholesome, good time these smokers are, and so an enumeration of their benefits is not necessary. Suffice it to say that every man in College should be present, and give the men of these two teams the encouragement which they so richly deserve. The committee which is making arrangements should be assured of the hearty support of the student body. Let us all be there, and give the two teams a long yell and the assurance that the men in College will do everything in their power to make the season one which will bring honor to Hamilton.

THE ACTION OF THE CLASS OF 1904 in adopting the plan of a fancy costume for this Commencement, is timely and commendable. Some of us remember the success of this idea as carried out by the Class of 1896, at their decennial. Any who have seen the plan in extensive operation, as for instance at the Yale commencements, are in hearty favor of its adoption here. Even if 1904 is the only class to be costumed, still the attractiveness of Commencement Week will be materially increased. We hope, however, that other classes will follow suit—especially 1906 and 1908. This Commencement will be a peculiarly auspicious time for festive raiments. Seldom in our history has there been so much occasion for joyous celebration. Let the Commencement of 1909 be the inception of a new tradition, a tradition that will make it a college duty for each of us to conceal our business suits whenever we return to play in the carefree fields of youth.

K. P. ORATORS

The appointees for the 54th Clark Prize Competition follow:

Wessel Doherty, of Buffalo; Paul Duelle Kneeland, of Boston, Mass.; William DeLoss Love, of Albany; William Arthur Marriott, of Clayville; Charles Mossman McLean, of Binghamton; Mark Rifenbark, of Unadilla.

AN APPRECIATION

Our alumni in Auburn assure us of the "credit reflected on the College by the excellent impression which the concert given by the Musical Clubs, in that city, on March 30th, made." They tell us that our welcome there will surely last thru future years.

To all the alumni in Auburn—for their cordial reception and hospitality—and particularly Roosa and Hosmer, '06, McCarthy, '08, and the Drummonds, LIFE wishes to express the gratitude and appreciation of the Clubs for the pleasant visit, and the memories of the time and place which every man carried away with him.

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NOTES

—Bell, ex-'12, is attending a business college in New York.

—German Club met at the home of Prof. Brandt Friday evening.

—Abbott, '10, has been elected Captain of the Junior Track Team.

—Last Wednesday the Geology Club took a trip in the vicinity of Clinton.

—Fawcett and Gouge, '11, have reported for Assistant Manager of Tennis.

—Coach Pryor has returned his signed contract to the Football Management.

—The Senior Class picture was taken last Friday at the Hall of Languages.

—It is expected that an Inter-Fraternity Baseball League will soon be started.

—The Baseball diamond was surveyed on Wednesday afternoon. It was found that the pitcher's box was several inches out of place.

—The Annual Banquet of the Boston Alumni will be held Tuesday evening, April 27th.

—There is an interesting article in the February number of the Photo Era, written by Day, '07.

—Meeker, '07, has left Perkiomen Seminary and is with the Western Electric Company, of New York.

—Contrary to custom, theMcKinney Prize Debate will be held in the Chapel, on the evening of June 22nd.

—The question for the McKinney Prize Debate is: "That the failure to pass the Hinman-Greene Bill should be regretted."

—In response to Captain Conklin's call for Tennis candidates, a large number responded. There has been some practice in the Gym.

—Fred R. Keck, '99, has resigned his position as teacher of mathematics in the Utica Free Academy. He will probably accept a position in Syracuse.

—Rev. Arthur Hoyt, '72, of Auburn Theological Seminary, occupied the pulpit, Sunday, in the absence of Dr. Stryker. He will also preach tomorrow.

—Gould, '11, is the first Hamilton man to be affected by the new ruling of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., in that he will not have an opportunity to make the Baseball Team.

—The Freshman Baseball Team has scheduled games with Mohawk High School and with the Union Freshmen. Root, '12, is Captain, and Soper, '12, Manager.

—The Baseball season tickets are on sale. The price is $1.50. They may be obtained of Wheeler, '10, Jones, '11, Bates, DuBourdieu, Manion and Pratt, '12.

—Alumni who have visited the Hill recently are the following: Warren, '02, Post, '04, Jenks, '05, Barrows, '06, Schwartz, '07, Fitch, Fraser, Judson, '08, and Aron, ex-'09.

—The corner-stone of the old Sigma Phi Hall in Clinton, bearing the dates, 1831, when the Beta Chapter was established, and also 1871, when the building was erected, has been removed from the Hall by the present Chapter.

—The following men are at present eating at the Training Table in Commons Hall: Doherty, Hatfield, '09; Capt. Judson, Sarles, '10; Allen, Manion, Mitchell, '11; Donaldson, Drummond, Hallock, Heidenreich, C. D. Root, '12.

D. T. ACTIVITIES

Last Friday night the wierd yell of "Dreizehn," echoing over the Campus, announced the presence of the D. T. Club, and roused many a studious Freshman from his desk in order to hastily draw the bolt to his door. The season of the D. T. cork is approaching, and this, as all D. T's know, signifies a hard, thorny path for the chosen few, and one beset with many a swinging paddle.

The Club met early in the evening, in Carnegie. After a few hands of bridge, and one of the famous D. T. feeds, plans were laid for the coming campaign.

Y. M. C. A. CALENDAR

SUNDAY: Dr. Arthur Hoyt, of Auburn Theological Seminary, will speak in Silliman Hall at five o'clock. Prof. Hoyt needs no introduction to the college body. We have all heard him several times, and know that he always says things that are well worth hearing. The College is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

MONDAY: Italian Boys' Civics Club meets in Utica. The average age is twelve. The object is to teach these boys, in a simple manner, some of the elements of government.

TUESDAY: Italian Boys' Club. Average age is eight. The object is to keep the boys off the streets and help them in any way in the power of the men who have charge of the work.

THURSDAY: A Smoker in Commons Hall, to give the Baseball and Track seasons a fitting start.

Soon the Social Service Committee will have classes among the Italian men of Utica, to teach them English. This is a new departure for the Association, and will give many men an opportunity to do some practical good. It is hoped that many of the fellows will offer their services to help out the different clubs and classes among the Italians. Men who would like to do work along these lines will please hand their names to Renwick, '10

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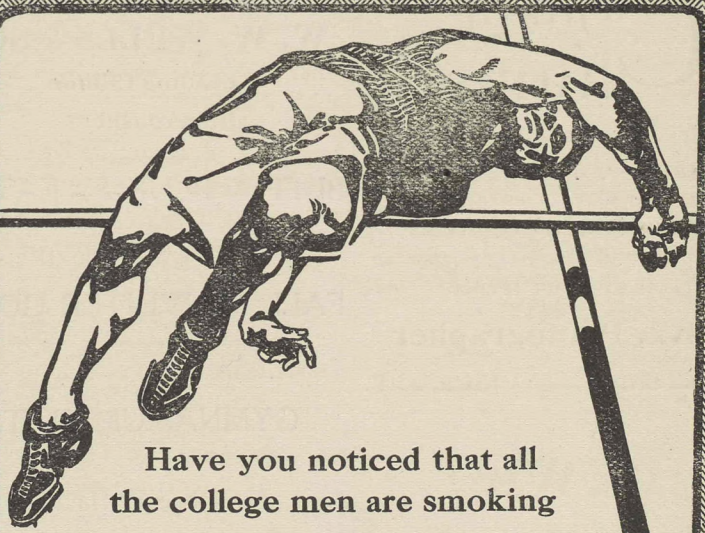

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